STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2616

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2400

S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish programs and coordinated efforts to identify emerging and promising agricultural crops and necessary resources to promote new agricultural industries, maximize agricultural uses of state lands and facilities, and prepare and support agricultural entrepreneurs and workers.

Written comments in support were submitted by the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the University of Hawaii System, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, the Wahiawa Community and Business Association, and two individuals. Written comments in opposition were submitted by the Hawaii County Council Member representing the Ninth Council District.

Your Committee finds that agriculture is vital to Hawaii's economy and that this measure will create a program to maximize agricultural production and prepare entrepreneurs and workers for the industry's future.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and

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(2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y. IGE. Chair

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye /	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		<b>✓</b>			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.			-		1
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		1/	/		
ESPERO, Will					
KAHELE, Gilbert					(
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KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		\f_			
THIELEN, Laura H.		1/			
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SLOM, Sam		<b>V</b>			
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Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Michelle O , Kidani					
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